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New Mexico Court Interpreter Certification Testing Policies

(As approved by the Court Interpreter Advisory Committee 3/12/10 & 5/14/2010)

- Step 1:** Certification candidates must receive a passing score of 80% on the Consortium Written Exam prior to be invited to sit for the Oral Certification Examinations.
- Candidates must wait one year before retaking the written examination if they fail to pass with a score of 80% or better.
- Candidates who pass the Written Examination may move forward to the oral examinations at any time.
- Step 2:** Certification candidates must receive a passing score of 70% on the Simultaneous Examination prior to being invited to sit for the Consecutive and Sight Translation Examinations.
- Candidates who pass the Simultaneous Examination must sit for the Consecutive and Sight Translation Examinations within twelve months of having the Simultaneous Examination. If they fail to initiate Step 3 of the certification process within twelve months, they will be required to retake the Simultaneous Examination.
- Step 3:** Certification candidates must receive a passing score of 70% on the Consecutive Interpreting Examination and the Sight Translation Examination.
- Candidates who pass either Sight Translation or Consecutive Interpreting, but not both examinations, which are given together, must retake both Sight Translation and Consecutive.

Note:

- Candidates may take the oral examinations twice in a ten-month period, assuming they are taking a different version of the examination. Candidates who fail an examination for which there is no alternate version must wait a full twelve months prior to retaking the oral examination.
- If a candidate scores 65% or better, but fails to pass an oral examination, they may request re-rating of the examination at their expense. The request for re-rating must be made within 30 days of the candidate's receipt of their exam scores.